Construction of Government Quarters in Kerala

5554. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct general pool accommodation for Central Government employees working in various cities of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the construction work is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). General Pool Accommodation has been recently constructed at Coching. Further proposals for constructions of General Pool Accommodation in cities in Kerala can be considered depending upon the availability of funds

Delineation of New Hill Areas

5555. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state

(a) the recommendations made by the expert group on delineation of new hill areas for the Hill Areas Development Programme; and

(b) the time by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). The Expert Group recommended a set of criteria for delineation of new hill areas and identified certain hill areas accordingly. Planning Commission considered the recommendations and in view of resource constraint, it has been decided not to include any new hill areas under Hill Areas Development Programme.

Ancient Scripts

5556. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 183 on December 4, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of ancient scripts translated and compiled in modern context and the specific subjects choosen for basic studies together with the progress made so far in each case;

(b) the names of various programmes related to technology development in the Indian languages, outline thereof and progress made in each one and the targets fixed therefor; and

(c) whether an 'Over view Volume' comprising details of these inter-related programme has been prepared, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The details of the projects/studies recently sponsored by the Government are:

1. Coordinated programmes related to Technology development in the Indian Languages. Some relevant programmes of the Department of Electronics are: Computer Assisted Learning and

Teaching (CALT) of Hindi and other Indian languages; Computer Assisted Sanskrit Teaching and learning Environment; Speech Oriented Learning System for Handicapped; and Language Analysis of Malayalam, Hindi and English for Computer based Technical Translation, knowledge representation and style. These programmes have made some progress.

2. Foundations and methodologies of theoretical sciences (logic, linguistics, mathematic, cognitive science) in Indian Tradition.

3. This programme has only recently been initiated in National Institute for Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS).

(c) Some details of the History of Science and Technology in Ancient India are available in the following volumes:

1. 'A Concise History of Science in India' by Bose, Sen and Subbarayappa.. Indian National Science Academy (INSA) 1971.

2. 'History of Science & Technology in Ancient India 1.. The Beginnings' by Debiprasad Chottopadhyaya.... NISTADS 1986.

3. 'History of Science & Technology in Ancient India II. Formation of Theoretical Fundamentals of Natural Sciences .. NISTADS 1991.

[*Translation*]

New Godowns in Madhya Pradesh

5557. SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish new godowns in Madhya Pradesh for civil supplies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and places where these godowns are proposed to be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). The Public Distribution System is implemented by the State Governments/U. T. Administrations, including Madhya Pradesh, As a part of implementing the PDS, the State Governments make arrangement to develop storage capacity or hire godown space or encourage agencies involved in creating storage capacities for undertaking distribution of PDS commodities. In the propose implementation of the revamped PDS, The Madhya Pradesh Government has proposed to create godown capacity of about 43,000 tonnes to be located in centres in about 200 identified blocks. Most of the godowns are likely to be at the Block or Taluka levels so that the supply of PDS items to the fair price shops in the identified areas is facilitated.